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#### Up & coming dates

River Calder field trip – Mon 11<sup>th</sup>, Tue 12<sup>th</sup>, Fri 15<sup>th</sup> (AM only)  
Y7 baseline assessments – W/C Mon 11<sup>th</sup>  
Student leadership nominations open – Mon 11<sup>th</sup>  
Virtual behaviour forum – Thu 14<sup>th</sup> 5-6pm (link in letter)  
Y8 baseline assessments – W/C Mon 18<sup>th</sup>  
Photography trip – Tue 19<sup>th</sup>

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back all. I would like to start by congratulating our year 11 cohort who collected their GCSE examination results over the summer holidays. Our students performed exceptionally well and have gone on to their studies as well rounded and wonderful young adults. We are exceedingly proud of our students from year 7 through to year 11, their achievements are much to be celebrated. We hope that our student leavers will keep in touch with us and let us know how they are progressing with their studies in future. Well done to all.



I hope you enjoyed a relaxing summer with your friends and families. It has been an absolute pleasure, as it is every year, to welcome back our students to school. A special welcome has been extended to our year 7 students as they have arrived to join the Tod High family this September. Students have made a fantastic start to the year and I am very proud of them.

Many of our students have attended school in their full, correct uniform and have brought the right equipment with them. If your child is missing a piece of equipment there will now be the opportunity to purchase equipment from our equipment shop before school. This shop will stock all the necessary equipment to ensure students are ready to learn and will operate from the blue box in the morning of each school day. If you need to refresh on our uniform and appearance expectations please visit [School uniforms - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](http://School%20uniforms%20-%20Todmorden%20High%20School%20(todhigh.co.uk)) where you will find a full list of these expectations. One of the main challenges we have faced since our return has been around the length



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of students' skirts, we ask that skirts be to the knee (touching the crease at the back of the knee) and not made from a stretchy tight-fitting material. Please do support us with this by ensuring your child attends school in a skirt that fits these criteria.

This year my weekly letter is taking a slightly different format. I will be passing on information in this letter, weekly, as I have done in the past and I am looking into the re-introduction of student profiles to my letter to celebrate achievement and success across school. However, student news will now be collated into an e-newsletter which will be shared at the end of each calendar month. In this publication we will share positive news with parents. If you have a success or story about one or more of our students that you would like to share with the school community, please get in touch with Mrs Womack at [e.womack@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:e.womack@todhigh.co.uk).

Additionally the virtual forums I held last year have now ceased. I have held fortnightly virtual forums since the pandemic hit in 2020 and these have been attended by many parents to discuss school related issues. I want to thank all who attended. If you should need to speak with me regarding a school issue at any point please do get in touch. The forums have been replaced by a number of virtual sessions that parents are invited to attend, each session (excluding the year 7 sessions) will begin with a brief presentation and be followed by open Q&A. Links to the sessions will be sent out prior to them occurring and sessions will be recorded in case you are unable to attend on the day. We have also put these sessions out at the slightly later time of 5pm where possible to accommodate parents who may be working later. Please add these dates to your diary.

14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 5-6pm – Behaviour forum with Mrs Rawlinson

28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 3.15-3.45pm – Year 7 forum with Mrs Kontogiannopoulou

12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 3.15-3.45pm – Year 7 forum with Mrs Kontogiannopoulou

19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 5-6pm – Special Educational Needs forum with Miss Cooper and Mrs Pitchforth

25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 5-6pm – Data forum (reports and grading) with Mrs Coates, Mrs Ogden and Miss Vose

9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 5-6pm – Uniform forum with Miss Shirt, Mrs Rawlinson and Miss Cooper

16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 5-6pm – Revision support forum (Y10/11 focus) with Mr Nalborczyk and Mrs Stansfield

The first forum on the 14<sup>th</sup> September will be available at the following link [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_ZjFhZTg4MmYtZWVkZi00ZWVjLWEyZWVtNjAwN2YxOTQ2ZmQ1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22e04fa957-592e-450e-98c1-6d3d3a481a58%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22ef25ef08-bf19-4062-8904-69d1b035001b%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZjFhZTg4MmYtZWVkZi00ZWVjLWEyZWVtNjAwN2YxOTQ2ZmQ1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22e04fa957-592e-450e-98c1-6d3d3a481a58%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22ef25ef08-bf19-4062-8904-69d1b035001b%22%7d).

We have a new catering manager in post following the departure of Miss Broadbent who moved on to pastures new in July. Miss Dearden, formerly our Learning Manager for Community Engagement, has now taken over our catering provision and work has begun to further improve our offer for students. Miss Dearden has a wealth of catering experience and will be making some changes to how we cater for students, I will continue to update you. The menus for our 3-week menu cycle have now been published on our school website so you can see what we have on offer for students. Please have a look here [Catering - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](https://www.todhigh.co.uk/catering). Please do ensure that your child has adequate funds on their ParentPay account to access our lunch services, students who are owing will be asked to top up in order to access a lunch. Please contact school if you would like to know about getting a free school meal for your child.

Replacing Miss Dearden we have Miss Clark-Hutchinson who has stepped into the role of Learning Manager for Community Engagement. She will be working alongside the pastoral team to drive forward great attendance across the school. Any attendance related queries should be directed to Miss Clark-Hutchinson and our attendance team ([n.clark-hutchinson@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:n.clark-hutchinson@todhigh.co.uk)). If you need to refresh yourself on our attendance expectations please take a look at our website [Attendance - Todmorden High School \(todhigh.co.uk\)](https://www.todhigh.co.uk/attendance).

Our year 7 form tutor evening is fast approaching, this will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September. All year 7 parents are invited to attend this event and discuss how your child has settled in at Todmorden High School, offer feedback on the transition experience and on your child's experience so far. More information will follow regarding this.

I am very pleased to announce our upcoming Open Evening on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 6-8pm. This is an open event for all prospective students (September 2024) and their families to attend and get a flavour of what school life is like at Todmorden High School. All departments will be running individual activities within their areas of school and I will be holding scheduled presentations in our hall with an overview of what our values and ethos are and how we can enable your child to unlock their unique potential. Please see the flyer at the rear of this letter for more information.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend, enjoy the good weather, and I look forward to seeing all our students back in school bright and early on Monday morning. As always if you have any concerns or wish to speak with a member of staff please get in touch with us via the website, by emailing reception at [admin@todhigh.co.uk](mailto:admin@todhigh.co.uk) or by calling school Monday-Friday between the hours of 8-4pm.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Shirt', written in a cursive style.

Gill Shirt  
Headteacher



# Open Evening

Thursday 12th October 6-8pm



We are opening our doors to prospective students and their parents. Come and find out how Todmorden High School can unlock your child's unique potential.

  
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